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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (ISA)

SUBJECT : Intelligence Analysis of Article in June Issue of United Nations World: "Spain: Critical for NATO"

As you requested in your Memorandum of 1 June 1953, the subject article has been reviewed by several qualified intelligence analysts in CIA. They are convinced that the article is a fabrication by a shrewd writer attempting to assign a secret purpose to the normal presence of military missions and high-ranking persons in Madrid.

There is no known evidence to support the article's allegations that (a) the NATO powers are establishing an emergency headquarters in Madrid, (b) the persons named are involved in this project or any other special mission in Madrid, (c) there is an understanding between the French and Spanish governments along the lines suggested. Similar reports have been noted in the past and generally attributed to Spanish propaganda activity. Any report bolstering Franco's importance to Western defense would naturally tend to strengthen his hand in negotiations with NATO members. At the same time, reports that France and Britain are in league against Spanish association with Western defense, also from Spanish sources, suggest that Spain is preparing for the eventuality of either its admission into the Western defensive alliance, at a price, or a vindication of its exclusion by blaming others.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: Intelligence Analysis of Article in June Issue
of United Nations World

There is an article on page 7 of the June issue of the magazine, UNITED NATIONS WORLD, entitled "Spain: Citadel for NATO" which speaks with such apparently plausible detail of a matter of critical importance to NATO that Dutch Minister de Beus called on me today to inquire about it.

The Office of the Secretary of Defense would appreciate your analysis of the article, providing any intelligence information as to its source and any comments you may desire to make.

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